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1. AN EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF COMMENTS MADE BY FONMIN
ALLON TO DIE WELT AS QUOTED BY LE MONDE OF FEBRUARY 27,
1975, FOLLOWS:

2. "ALTHOUGH PALESTINE HAS NEVER EXISTED AS A STATE,
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WE BELIEVE, NONETHELESS, THAT THE PALESTINIANS ARE IN

THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A PEOPLE, A GROUP WITH ITS OWN POLITICAL INTERESTS. I ACCEPT THIS PHENOMENON. BEARING IN MIND, ABOVE ALL, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST, JORDAN, WHERE MOST OF THE PALESTINIANS ARE CONCENTRATED, THIS PALESTINIAN IDENTITY SHOULD FULLY FIND AN EXPRESSION ... AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL, I WOULD RECOMMEND TO MY GOVERNMENT NO AGREEMENT BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR ARAB NEIGHBORS WHICH DID NOT CONTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-PALESTINIAN IDENTITY."

3. REPLYING TO THE QUESTION, "THE PALESTINIANS, YES, BUT THE PLO NO", ALLON SAID: "I MYSELF COINED THAT FORMULA. SPEAKING CLEARLY, WHERE SHOULD THE EASTERN BORDER OF ISRAEL BE DRAWN? EAST OF THE ISRAELI BORDER LIES THE HOMELAND OF THE PALESTINIANS. AND IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE EAST, THE PALESTINIAN IDENTITY OUGHT FINALLY TO FIND ITS NATIONAL EXPRESSION, ITS FULL EXPRESSION AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WILL THEN BE A MONARCHY OR A REPUBLIC IS NOT OUR BUSINESS BUT THE CONCERN OF THE PALESTINIANS."
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